ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014 ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Chairman David Ruell called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Members Present: David Ruell, Dave Toth, Mardean Badger, Norm DeWolfe, Christine Cilley, Harold Lamos, Mark Scarano. Alternate Present: Fran Newton. Alternate Absent with Notice: Renee Liebert. Late with Notice: Jamie Lyford Late: Sandra Coleman

Agreed to start with review of most recent changes that were approved by the BOS. The newest Worksheets dated 11/5/14 included these updates.

They were:

01-4196-10-484 Ins workers' compensation BOS column changed to \$20,822.

01-4191-10-999 new line added Land Use Allowable Fee's Imposed.

Economic Development Section added for \$500.

Police Department changes:

01-4210-10-452-removed shooter vest. now only outfit cruiser- BOS approved \$25,300.

01-4210-10-614 -added vests -BOS approved \$7400.

01-4210-10-620- added ammo & targets - BOS approved \$5,500.

01-4210-40-331- just training now- BOS approved \$1500.

01-4210-50-393- new Plymouth Prosecutor amount-BOS approved \$21,520

Christine Cilley requested the Budget Committee increase Patriotic Purposes line 01-4583--10-691- for Memorial Day flags to \$1000. Chris may request BOS to change.

Dave R questioned PD detail. He was informed that the adjustment was made to reflect the detail for July 4th. Moved from PD Detail to July 4th (Patriotic Purposes).

BOS need to change 01-4583-10-692 July 4th Expenses to \$14,250. DeWolfe stated that this amount will change again.

Discussed minutes. Need to provide printed copies for those requesting printed copies. Will review previous minutes at subsequent meeting. Minute taker will make copies on town copier if so needed to provide those requested hard copies.

It was agreed to remove questioned items from approval tonight and move thru worksheets starting at beginning to approve those items without questions.

Review Begins:

Executive:

Questioned Administrative Assistant Salary and effect if become member of union. BC agreed to delay and remove lines for current BC approval from Executive: 01-4130-10-111(Assist.Salary), 01-4130-10-210(Health Ins),01-4130-10-220(FICA), 01-4130-10-225(Medicare) and 01-4130-10-230(Retirement).

There was question about also removing 01-4130-10-342(computer expenses) for tonight's approval due to possibility of wiring of Town office to occur to occur this year. It was agreed o remove this line for tonight's vote.

There was question about CIP included in Exec budget lines. It was suggested that Dave T go back to CIP to make sure budget lines requested. If so, Norm D will request that Brenda set up CIP with its own lines. It was agreed that BC could vote on the lines because the dollar amount for CIP request will not change.

Motion to accept the Selectmen revised for Exec except for those lines removed above. Motion by Mark S. Seconded by Chris C. Vote 7Y- 1 N - 1 Ab. motion passed.

ER Clerk

Discussion to remove lines 01-4140-10-130(ER Clerk Salary), 01-4140-10-131(ER clerk Stipend) from tonight's vote.

Motion to accept ER lines that were approved by BOS except for above lines. Moved by Mark S seconded by Dave T. Vote 9Y-0N. Motion Passed

Financial:

Discussion to remove lines 01-4150-10-110(Tax Collector Salary), 01-4150-10-131(Tax Collector Salary), 01-41

Property Taxation:

Sandra C. questioned the Assessing line and Revaluation line and their respective dollar amounts. Discussion.

Motion to accept the proposed total of \$37,360. Moved by Dave T. Seconded by Mark S. Vote 9Y-0N. Motion Passed.

Legal

Discussed the difficulty to accurately propose this amount.

Motion to accept the proposed \$20,000 amount. Vote 9Y-0N. Motion Passed.

Land Use Boards

Discussion around the proposed added position of Land Use Assistant line 01-4191-10-110. Harold expressed concern about statement about Land Use communicating to the Conservation Commission. He felt that the CC was not involved in the LU proposal. Fran N felt his comment unfair. Fran N. stated that the Land Use Assistant would enhance and ensure communications and help as needed. This was echoed by Mardean B.

Sandra C. brought up that the town should explore help from PSU with an intern to offset this expense. Sandra questioned about spending up to \$12,000 and expressed further concern about

overall spending increasing. Jamie L questioned how the 20K vs 12K occurred. Further discussion on this matter. Tax rate was discussed. Decided to discuss at a later date. Keep on current discussion.

Motion to accept the approved total of \$18,369. for Land Use. Moved by Mark S. Seconded by Mardean B. Vote 6Y-2N-1Ab. Motion Passed.

General Government

BC agreed to remove line 01-4194-10-611(Repair/replace/upgrade) from vote due to lighting expense may occur this year. There maybe other adjustments to this line.

Motion by Dave T and seconded by Mardean to accept the GGB total except for the line removed. Vote 9Y-0N. Motion Passed.

Cemetery

Motion by Mark S seconded by Harold L to accept the budget of \$100. for cemetery. Vote 9Y-0N. Motion Passed.

Insurance

Agreed to remove line 01-4196-10-210(Health Ins Ret.) as BOS still needs to complete total. Motion to accept all lines except removed line. Motion by Mardean B. Seconded by Dave T. Vote 9Y-0N. Motion Passed.

Other General Gov. Uncatagorized

Motion to accept Budget of \$1. Moved by Chris C. Seconded by Harold L. Vote 9Y-0N

Police Dept.

Agreed to remove lines 014210-10-110(Salaries),01-4210-10-210(Health Ins.),01-4210-10-220 (FICA), 01-4210-10-230(retirement) from tonight's vote.

Discussed line 01-4210-10-120(Part time Wages). Motion by Sandra C to increase line to \$42,500. Seconded by Dave R. Vote 3Y-5N-1AB(Jamie). Motion failed.

Jamie recommended BC reduce grant line 01-4210-40-800 to \$2000. from \$2500., since he projects the department applying for no greater amount than \$2000. Moved by Mark S. Seconded by Chris C. Vote 7Y-1N-1Ab(Jamie). Motion Passed.

Motion to accept PD Budget except for the removed lines and to include the new Grant amount of \$2000. Moved by Dave T. Seconded by Chris C. Vote 7Y-1N-1Ab(Jamie).Motion Passed.

Police Detail

Motion by Chris C. Seconded by Dave T. to accept the budget detail amount of \$3,230. Vote 9Y-0N. Motion Passed

Ambulance

Motion to accept ambulance contract budget of \$47,500. Moved by Chris C. Seconded by by Jamie L. Vote 9Y-0N. Motion Passed.

Fire Department

Motion was made to change line 01-4220-10-380(contract Services) to \$7170 from \$7000. Moved by Mardean B. Seconded by Dave T. Vote 9Y-0N. Motion passed.

Motion to accept BOS revised Budget including the new total of \$7170 for the Fire Department. Moved by Mark S. Seconded by Harold L. 7Y-2N. Motion passed

Building Inspector

Motion to accept BI budget line of \$11,803. Moved by Norm D. Seconded by Mark S, Vote 9Y-0N. Motion passed.

Emergency Management

Motion by Mark S. Seconded by Harold I. to accept Budget amount of \$1000. Vote 9Y-0N. Motion Passed.

Motion by Dave T. Seconded by to request Tax Rate calculation sheet. Vote 9Y-0N Motion Passed. This should be requested thru Patsy.

Jamie L. questioned when revenues forthcoming. Norm D stated that Finance Officer currently working on it.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:40 PM. Moved by Chris C. Seconded by Norm D. Vote 9-0 Motion Passed.

Next meeting November 13,2014 at 5:30 PM

Minutes by Norm DeWolfe